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FOR ASST SECRETARY SCHAUFLELE FROM AMBASSADOR PORTER

E.O. 11652: GDS
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SUBJECT: DEVELOPMENT OF SOMALI-US RELATIONS

REF: STATE 67050

1. I SEE FROM REFTEL THAT THE SOMALIS HAVE NOW GONE
DIRECTLY TO YOU WITH THE PITCH THAT THE SAUDIS HAVE BEEN
MAKING TO ME FOR SOME TIME NOW. THE SAG WILL NOT LONG
REMAIN UNAWARE OF THE SOMALI APPROACH IN WASHINGTON (INDEED
THEY MAY HAVE BEEN ONE OF THE FACTORS IMPELLING IT) AND WILL
BEGIN PRESSING US EVEN HARDER ON WHAT WE PLAN TO DO TO
WEAN THE SOMALIS AWAY FROM THE RUSSIANS.

2. I AM GLAD TO HEAR THAT A REVIEW OF US POLICY TOWARD
THE HORN OF AFRICA IS UNDERWAY. I HOPE IT WILL BE CONCLUDED
SOON BOTH FOR THE PAROCHIAL REASON THAT I WOULD LIKE TO BE
ABLE TO RESPOND QUICKLY TO THE SAUDIS AND FOR THE MORE
GENERAL REASON THAT I WOULD NOT WISH US TO MISS THROUGH
INDECISION WHAT MAY BE A GENUINE OPPORTUNITY TO ADVANCE
US INTERESTS IN THE HORN AREA IN COOPERATION WITH THE
SAG. I WOULD HOPE THAT WE WOULD BE READY TO TALK BEFORE
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THEN, BUT AT A MINIMUM WE SHOULD BE READY TO DISCUSS A
COHERENT POLICY TOWARDS THE HORN WHEN CROWN PRINCE FAHD
COMES TO WASHINGTON IN MAY.
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